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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC		D Employer identification number 84-0440359
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (720) 865-3500
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 909 York Street		G Gross receipts \$ 18,830,690
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Room/suite		
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Denver, CO 80206		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer Brian Vogt 909 York Street Denver, CO 80206		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) ► (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

J Website: ► www.botanicgardens.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1951 M State of legal domicile CO

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities See Schedule O Denver Botanic Gardens connects people with plants by creating horticulturally excellent displays of plant collections, education programs, research and events. DBG concentrates on native plants from steppe ecosystems and is an accredited AAM museum	
2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 38
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 38
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 194
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 1,123
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 12,736,576	Current Year 13,293,038
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,066,559	4,375,317
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	119,819	314,298
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	569,218	495,665
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	17,492,172	18,478,318

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	6,470,103	6,690,959
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 835,859		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	8,619,858	14,716,728
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	15,089,961	21,407,687
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,402,211	-2,929,369

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 12,918,891	End of Year 10,620,038
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,045,742	3,676,259
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,873,149	6,943,779

Part II Signature Block		
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		
Sign Here	***** Signature of officer Florence Welch Chief Financial Officer Type or print name and title	2010-06-23 Date

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ►	Date	Check if self-employed ►	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Kundinger Corder & Engle PC 475 Lincoln St Ste 200 Denver, CO 80203			EIN ►
				Phone no ► (303) 534-5953

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Denver Botanic Gardens, Inc connects people with plants by creating horticulturally excellent displays of plant collections, education programs, research and events. DBG concentrates on native plants from steppe ecosystems and is an accredited AAM museum

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 15,395,878 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,535,540)

See Schedule O Horticulture The Horticulture department is responsible for the management and maintenance of the living plant collections and horticultural garden displays, which includes 30,414 total plants belonging to 1,983 genera and 8,246 species. 1,758 new accessions were added to our living collections in 2009. Four new garden projects were undertaken in 2009 as well as planning for several projects in 2010. As part of our Plant Exploration program, two Gardens' staff went on a seed and germplasm scouting trip to Central Asia's Golden Mountains in Kazakhstan. Attendance at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield exceeded 100,000 visitors for the first time in 2009. Pumpkin Festival attendance was up 30% over previous years. The new outdoor theater was also utilized twice to host Chns Isaak and The Pretenders in concert. Trails of Light, a holiday season light display, and Corn Maze continue to draw large crowds looking for outdoor activities appropriate for the entire family. A new Community Supported Agriculture program was implemented in 2009. This program will focus on urban farming for vegetable production utilizing sustainable agricultural practices.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,935,518 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,839,777)

Education and Public Programs In 2009, Denver Botanic Gardens Education programs reached over 31,000 children, delivering hands-on, standards-based lessons and experiences. More than 20,000 school children were served through over 600 school programs, and 136 of these programs were delivered through the aid of the In Full Bloom scholarship program. Denver Botanic Gardens expanded class and program offerings for adults, reaching an increased audience of over 6,000 registrants. The Botanical Art & Illustration program served over 1,100 registrants, and the Rocky Mountain Gardening certificate offered over 40 classes. Over 2,000 visitors to the gardens enjoyed a guided tour, including special content for Jurassic Gardens.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 650,983 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

See Schedule O Denver Botanic Gardens played a vital role in protecting Colorado's natural heritage in 2009 through our invasive species and rare plant research and floral (plant and fungal) surveys throughout the region. This year we launched a new conservation genetics program through a \$250,000 endowment and were granted the only state permit to collect all federally listed plant species for seed banking and genetic analysis. We established a new ethnobotanical collection that features uses of native plants, and conducted research on the chemical compounds and medicinal potential of several Colorado plant species. Five important research projects were concluded this year, including investigation of non-target effects of a biocontrol on native thistle, the trophic cascades that result from the introduction of the tamarisk biocontrol, and the effect of invasive tamarisk on soil and water salinity. Among other important work, our floristic surveys included an inventory for the USDA Pike-San Isabel Forest, and surveys in southeastern Colorado uncovered 67 new locations of rare plant species.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) **See also Additional Data for Description**

(Expenses \$ 841,315 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 18,823,694

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3 No	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 No	
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6 No	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7 No	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 No	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 No	
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11 Yes	
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12 No	
12a Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	12a Yes	No
<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19 No	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20 No	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	Yes	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O			

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	53
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	194
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	4b	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	Yes
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a	
9b	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a	
10b	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
11b	Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	38	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	38	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►
 Florence Welch Chief Financial Off
 909 York Street
 Denver, CO 80206
 (720) 865-3520

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee.

1b Total	524,610	0	79,360
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **►4**

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Gerald H Phipps Inc 5995 Greenwood Plaza Ste 100 Greenwood Village, CO 80111	Construction services	6,103,150
David Owen Tryba Architects 1620 Logan Street Denver, CO 80203	Architectural design	787,341
Mundus Bishop Design 333 W Colfax Ave Ste 103 Denver, CO 80204	Landscape design	397,764
Alero Technology Group 7808 Cherry Creek Drive Ste 103 Denver, CO 80231	IT service and support	336,815
Nexus Greenhouse Corp 10983 Leroy Drive Northglenn, CO 80233	Greenhouse construction	184,088
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►11		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c	161,380			
	d Related organizations	1d	316,167			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	9,205,347			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,610,144			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		167,471			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		13,293,038			
Program Service Revenue	2a Educ & Hort Programs	Business Code				
		900,099	2,726,886	2,726,886		
	b Membership dues	900,099	1,648,431	1,648,431		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		4,375,317			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		14,298		14,298	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		279,101				
	b Less rental expenses	143,395				
	c Rental income or (loss)	135,706				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		135,706			135,706
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		300,000				
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
c Gain or (loss)		300,000				
d Net gain or (loss)			300,000		300,000	
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 161,380 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
	a	62,167				
b Less direct expenses	b	62,167				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
	a	243,036				
b Less cost of goods sold	b	146,810				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			96,226	96,226		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a Concession income		900,099	246,689	246,689		
b Miscellaneous		900,099	17,044	17,044		
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		263,733				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		18,478,318	4,735,276	0	450,004	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.****All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	364,265	167,799	173,839	22,627
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	4,906,786	3,878,413	590,550	437,823
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	226,503	178,276	28,436	19,791
9 Other employee benefits	799,927	650,926	87,688	61,313
10 Payroll taxes	393,478	303,124	55,532	34,822
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	10,352	9,126	1,186	40
c Accounting	40,238		40,238	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	724,220	485,144	205,848	33,228
12 Advertising and promotion	365,744	11,670	354,020	54
13 Office expenses	419,742	362,603	20,035	37,104
14 Information technology	158,996	125,622	21,955	11,419
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	972,875	862,880	72,392	37,603
17 Travel	92,331	87,672	2,027	2,632
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	75,644	42,704	14,112	18,828
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	36,916	27,989	5,824	3,103
23 Insurance	96,516	73,177	15,226	8,113
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a Capital improvements	10,506,911	10,506,911		
b Other	498,779	441,230	29,382	28,167
c Printing & photography	260,895	197,647	29,167	34,081
d Book publishing	146,724	146,724		
e Food and entertainment	113,398	67,610	677	45,111
f All other expenses	196,447	196,447		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	21,407,687	18,823,694	1,748,134	835,859
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	13,850	1 22,859
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,309,720	2 2,379,551
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,411,710	3 3,052,719
	4 Accounts receivable, net	468,033	4 155,945
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7 260,000
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8 107,707
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	96,009	9 52,926
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,567,872	
	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 1,335,404	111,724 10c 232,468
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	418,523	12 418,523
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13
	14 Intangible assets		14
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	6,089,322	15 3,937,340
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	12,918,891	16 10,620,038
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	917,340	17 1,564,505
	18 Grants payable		18
	19 Deferred revenue	2,128,402	19 2,111,754
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	3,045,742	26 3,676,259
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,912,838	27 2,314,892
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	5,960,311	28 4,628,887
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	9,873,149	33 6,943,779
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	12,918,891	34 10,620,038

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separated basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2009****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceComplete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section
4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Employer identification number

84-0440359

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

e **a** Type I **b** Type II **c** Type III - Functionally integrated **d** Type III - Other

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)
Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	7,008,196	4,789,801	5,641,676	10,926,738	12,085,553	40,451,964
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	3,394,051	3,272,151	3,232,650	3,205,962	2,855,916	15,960,730
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	10,402,247	8,061,952	8,874,326	14,132,700	14,941,469	56,412,694
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						189,736
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						56,222,958

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	10,402,247	539,062	8,874,326	14,132,700	14,941,469	56,412,694
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	390,191	539,062	628,564	519,195	540,088	2,617,100
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	2,299,600	2,458,080	3,208,385	2,787,887	3,338,745	14,092,697
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						73,122,491
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)				12		14,092,697

13 **First Five Years** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** 

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	76 890 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	92 360 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions 		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

Explanation

Schedule A, Part II, Line 10, Explanation of Other Income Admissions and program fees Plant and gift shop sales Concessions and other

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 84-0440359
Name: DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code) (Expenses \$	841,315 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Marketing and Visitor Services Significant improvements were made to the visitor experience including opening of a new retail store, The Shop at the Gardens, with products and positioning that is more aligned with The Gardens' core values of sustainability Some recent statistics about the retail store include a) 34% of inventory on the floor at The Shop at the Gardens meets one or more of our sustainability goals, b) 10% of inventory at The Shop is made from recycled materials, c) The Shop promotes 45 different local artists & vendors from Colorado, d) Approximately 20% of products for sale at The Shop are either compostable or recyclable A new restaurant, Offshoots, was opened with similar objectives of aligning more closely with The Gardens brand and core values All server wear in Offshoots is compostable and many of the furnishings in the restaurant are recycled and include organic/recycled materials on them Food is made with fresh ingredients that are obtained as locally as possible reflecting the Gardens' core value of sustainability Lots of vegetarian items are available Visitor services staff are cross-trained to manage admissions and the retail store at the same time providing a more consistent experience for visitors to The Gardens In addition to a fully staffed admission desk, self-serve kiosks were added to the Visitor Center to provide easier access for those visitors/members that would prefer to check in to The Gardens on their own The Gardens experienced record attendance with over 635,000 visitors to its three facilities in 2009 Special Events held by The Gardens experienced an almost 30% increase in attendance in 2009 vs 2008 The Gardens served over 175,000 people at special events in 2009 Membership Services activities increased membership revenue over 2008 and has consistently since 2003 while strengthening relationships with members In addition to basic benefits including unlimited general admission, member-only events and discounts, Membership Services enhanced member value by introducing two new benefits thus increasing membership attendance Membership Services also distributed over 250 complimentary memberships supporting the community and providing expanded Gardens access

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Office	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Jerry Ladd Board Chair	4 00	X		X			0	0	0
Heather Miller Vice Chair	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
Nancy Schotters Treasurer	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Barbara Baldwin Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Andrew Boian Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
James Boyle Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Janette Chase Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Kathy Coors Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
John M Couzens Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Paul Dudzic Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Leanne Duncan Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Mary Elliman Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
John E Freyer Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Margaret Garbe Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Paul V Grenney Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Kittie Hook Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Steve Katich Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Roger Armstrong Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Doris Duckworth Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Elizabeth McCann Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Greg Movesian Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Connie Olson Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Edward P Connors Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Richard Kirk Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Moras L Shubert Director	1 00	X					0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Bea Taplin Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Marge Koerner Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Anna Maria Larsen Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Dominic Lloyd Vice Chair	1 00	X		X			0	0	0
Colleen Willett Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Lee Nelson Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Michael Vaughn Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Kevin Patterson Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Russell Schmuhl Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Judy Sellers Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Charles Woolley Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Richard Bell Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Janet Mordecai Director	1 00	X					0	0	0
Brian Vogt Chief Executive Officer	40 00		X				214,505	0	22,432
Florence Welch Chief Financial Officer	40 00		X				106,317	0	21,011
Betsy Cheroutes Director of Dev , Membsh	40 00			X			103,128	0	20,633
Robin Doerr Marketing Director	40 00			X			100,660	0	15,284

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Capital improvements	10,506,911	10,506,911		
Other	498,779	441,230	29,382	28,167
Printing & photography	260,895	197,647	29,167	34,081
Book publishing	146,724	146,724		
Food and entertainment	113,398	67,610	677	45,111

2009

Open to Public
Inspection**SCHEDULE D**
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC**Employer identification number**

84-0440359

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically importantly land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other
 c Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %

b Permanent endowment ► %

c Term endowment ► %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

	Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land					
b Buildings					
c Leasehold improvements		80,959	38,685	42,274	
d Equipment		1,486,913	1,296,719	190,194	
e Other					
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				232,468	

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 12.)		

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 1)

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

Total (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)

Part X Other Liabilities See Form 990 Part X, Col.(B) line 13.

1	(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
	Federal Income Taxes	
	See Additional Data Table	

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4
5 Donated services and use of facilities	5
6 Investment expenses	6
7 Prior period adjustments	7
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1	
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b Prior year adjustments	2b
c Other losses	2c
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 1a		The Gardens' collections, which were acquired through purchases and contributions since the Gardens' inception, are not recognized as assets on the statement of financial position. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in the year in which the items are acquired. Contributed collection items are not reflected on the financial statements. Proceeds from deaccessions or insurance recoveries are reflected as increases in the appropriate net asset classes.
Part III, Line 4		The Gardens' collections consist of living plants, herbarium, library and historic collections. The Gardens' living plant and herbarium collections are made up of approximately 48,000 types of living plants, or 46,600 herbarium specimen sheets, and 24,000 preserved and documented native mushrooms. The Gardens has a library consisting of over 30,000 books, periodicals, seed and nursery catalogs, slides, and pamphlets. Additionally the Gardens has historic buildings, tools and farm implements at its Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield location. All of these collections are held for educational, research, scientific, and curatorial purposes. Each of these collection items is cataloged, preserved, and cared for, and activities verifying their existence and assessing their condition are performed continuously. The collections are subject to a policy that requires proceeds from their sales to be used to support the Gardens' collections. During 2009, deaccessioned items, primarily traded or donated to other botanical gardens, were not significant.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

1. ATTACH TO FORM 500 OR FORM 500-2211. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Employer identification number

84-0440359

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** Mail solicitations
- b** Internet and e-mail solicitations
- c** Phone solicitations
- d** In-person solicitations
- e** Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** Solicitation of government grants
- g** Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Fete des Fleur (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	223,547			223,547
	2 Less Charitable contributions . . .	161,380			161,380
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	62,167			62,167
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .				
	5 Non-cash prizes . . .	900			900
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .				
	7 Food and beverages . . .	61,267			61,267
	8 Entertainment . . .				
	9 Other direct expenses . . .				
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				62,167
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10.				0

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	Yes	No
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If "No," Explain _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If "Yes," Explain _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

	Yes	No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in	13a	13b
a The organization's facility
b An outside facility
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ►		
Address ►		
15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a
b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ►		
Address ►		
16 Gaming manager information		
Name ►		
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____		
Description of services provided ►		
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor
17 Mandatory distributions		
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Schedule J
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC**Employer identification number**

84-0440359

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

Yes

No

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

No

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

No

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

No

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

No

a The organization?

No

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

No

a The organization?

No

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

No

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

No

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

NonCash Contributions

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990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.Name of the organization
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC

Employer identification number

84-0440359

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	16	167,471	Market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ►(_____)				
26 Other ►(_____)				
27 Other ►(_____)				
28 Other ►(_____)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement			29	

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?	30a	No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	31	Yes
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

Part II

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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(Form 990)**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC**Employer identification number**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		The Form 990 was reviewed in detail by the finance committee and distributed to each member of the Board of Trustees for review and comment prior to filing
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		DBG adopted a comprehensive Code of Ethics in 2005 which includes Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blowing, and Document Retention policies which were subsequently incorporated into the Employee Guidelines and Volunteer Handbook. This Code is designed to be a continuously evolving document. The policy applies to all representatives associated with the Gardens, including the Board of Trustees, non-Trustee members of committees of the Board, officers, employees, volunteers and officially affiliated groups. Board members and officers are required to declare annually any interest they may have in other organizations/businesses, these declarations are reviewed, and if any conflict should occur the individual is required to recuse themselves from any decision or decisions impacting the Gardens that may involve those entities. The Code is reviewed at all orientations, additional periodic reviews are also conducted
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		DBG participates annually in salary surveys and uses the data collected as a guide to determining salary/wage ranges for positions and adjustments within the organization. Recommendations for adjustments are reviewed and approved by the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		DBG makes its governing documents and its conflict of interest policy available to the public upon request. In addition, the Annual Report includes financial statements and is available on the website www.botanicgardens.org
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2c		The Gardens' audit committee is responsible for the selection of the independent audit firm and oversight of the annual audit. The audit committee approves the selection of the audit firm annually and meets with the auditors upon conclusion of the audit. The audit firm reviews with the committee in detail the financial statements, internal control recommendations, and other required communications. There has been no change to this process in the current year

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)****Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships****2009**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
 ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS INC**Employer identification number**
84-0440359**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
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Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity
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Denver Botanic Gardens Endowment Inc

909 York Street

Denver, CO 80206

84-1202946

Plant Select

CSU 1173 Campus Delivery

Fort Collins, CO 80523

26-0199189

Supports Denver Botanic
Gardens

CO

501(c)(3)

11a

Education & Research

CO

501(c)(3)

11a

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?
							Yes No		Yes No

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)
- c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)
- d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)
- e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)
- f Sale of assets to other organization(s)
- g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)
- h Exchange of assets
- i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)
- j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)
- k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)
- l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)
- m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets
- n Sharing of paid employees
- o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses
- p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses
- q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)
- r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c	Yes	
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n		No
1o		No
1p	Yes	
1q		No
1r		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-n)	(c) Amount involved
(1)	Denver Botanic Gardens Endowment Inc	C	316,167

(1) See Additional Data Table

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(6)

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?	(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations?	(g) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner?
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No